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People shelter in the House gallery as rioters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.

Trump mob disrupts count of Electoral College votes

WASHINGTON

Hundreds of rioters encouraged by President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, crashing through police lines to lay siege to the building and force a halt to the constitutional process of certifying the Electoral College count after the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Americans watched in horror as the mob scaled walls and smashed windows at the Capitol, which has been closed to visitors throughout the coronavirus pandemic. The intrusion came as both houses of Congress were

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Democratic, Republican politicians from the area denounce riots at Capitol

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Democrat U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey, of Fort Worth, said the riot raging in the nation’s Capitol on Wednesday was a result of President Donald Trump’s attack on democracy.

Veasey said in a statement that he and his staff were safe as Trump supporters continue to storm the Capitol.

“Now is the time to come

together — not fan the dangerous flames of division,” he said.

Veasey and other Texas representatives are in Washington to certify the Electoral College count. The constitutional process has been delayed because of the mob that stormed the Capitol. Lawmakers have been evacuated.

Rep. Kay Granger, of Fort Worth, and Rep. Michael Burgess, of Denton, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Rep. Ron Wright, of Arling-

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